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Weekly Health Report

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1. Occupied Germany:

Communicable Diseases: — Attached as Appendices "A", "B" and "C" are communicable disease reports of cases and death rates by Regierungsbezirk, case rates by Regierungsbezirk, and cases and deaths and case rates by Land respectively for the week ending 28 December 1945.

Venereal Disease: — There has been a decrease in the reported cases of gonorrhea. Progress is being made in obtaining complete reporting, investigation of contacts and effective rapid cure of cases. The number of civilian men receiving treatment for gonorrhea in designated venereal disease hospitals where penicillin is used is increasing. Information available to German civilians on the availability of penicillin for civilians with venereal disease is aiding in obtaining early reports of infected persons. There is a decrease in the number of reported cases of syphilis.

The incidence of diphtheria is continuing to decrease in most Regierungsbezirk. The rate for the U.S. Zone has likewise decreased considerably when compared with the last week. In many areas the majority of diphtheria cases reported are among adults.

Scabies, the most prevalent of the communicable diseases reported, has increased over the preceding week. The increased rates noted at this time is the result of increased reporting of cases by physicians as well as a seasonal increase. German physicians are becoming more conscious of the need for recognizing and reporting the condition.

Tuberculosis, which is the fourth most prevalent communicable disease, shows a decrease over the last week.

Typhoid fever continues to decrease in incidence with improvement in the general hygenic state of the environment.

The incidence of scarlet fever remains low and no serious problems have arisen from this source.

No increase in influenza has been noted, although continued vigilance is being maintained for the early recognition and control of any outbreaks. One of the measures taken by German civilians under Military Government supervision to combat influenza was the establishment of a special school in Marburg. A German bacteriologist from each Land and from the U.S. Sector of Berlin attended this school to learn the latest U.S. methods of influenza virus identification. These doctors will in turn instruct the various laboratory staffs in their respective lands. Should an outbreak occur, rapid reporting based on accurate diagnosis will greatly assist in establishing immediate control measures and so aid in control of generalized epidemic.

The border of the U.S. Zone has suitable functioning facilities for the inspection, delousing and quarantine of civilians crossing the border into the U.S. Zone. No large movements occurred during the week. The inspection and quarantine procedures have been effective in discovering and hospitalizing cases of communicable diseases.

Nursing Affairs: — A recent evaluation of the nursing services in Bavaria reflected no shortage of trained hospital nurses there. In the German hospitals which were inspected the distribution of the trained nurses was on the basis of one nurse to ten to twelve beds with the nurses working on a 12 to 18 hour schedule. All the centers were clean, orderly and the patients were receiving good nursing care. There is a shortage of qualified medical social workers in the Regierungsbezirk of Niederbayern.

Nutrition: — Nutrition survey in Bad Homburg showed the normal consumer to be receiving a ration of 1559 calories and the actual consumption was found to be

1897 calories a day. A report from Hanau shows the ration as received to be 1549 and actual consumption to be 1981 calories.

Pediatrics: — A survey is being made to determine the cause or causes of the high infant mortality rates in the U.S. Zone. The survey includes the study of the rates in various areas, prevalent diseases, nutrition and stocks of food and manufacturing facilities for specially required foods.

Veterinary: — Two small outbreaks of foot and mouth disease have been reported recently at one farm in Schongau, Regs. Oberbayern, Bavaria and one in Niederhadamar, Regs. Wiesbaden. These two outbreaks are being controlled by disinfection of the infected premises.

An outbreak of hog cholera is reported in one large herd of pigs at Wasserburg, Regs. Oberbayern, Bavaria. This condition is located in an isolated institution and is being effectively treated with serum and quarantine. Investigation indicates that this disease was caused by the feeding of U.S. Army garbage to the infected animals. As a means of preventing future outbreaks of this kind it has been recommended that all Army garbage be thoroughly cooked before using it for feed. The incidence of swine erysipelas is reported as sharply declining.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 28 December 1945

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	nd D	Meningitis meningococcus	2	m	-1	2	1	1	1	1	1
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	ber	Scarlet	49	-	77	64	1		1	15	1
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		Relapsing Fever	-	-		11	1	11	+	11	1
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APPENDIX "B"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 28 December 1945

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	Measles	*	*	*	1	*	24	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	
	ezuənljul	*	*	3.43	4.14	*	*	1.88	*	1.37	8.57	*	*	1.64	
	Malaria	1	1	1	1		1	0.54	1	1		0.93	-1	.10	
	Encephalitis epidemic	1	1	-			1	1	1	11	1	11	11	1	1
	Rabies	I	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1
	Seides	9.43	*	173.01	16.84	*	*	9.95	281.56	55.90	44.54	*	*	53.69	
	Infectious Jaundice	*	*	5.71	*	*	*	*	*	1.10	2.28	*	*	0.61	INC.
	Undulant Fever	-		1		11	1	11		1	-	11	11	1	
	Bact, Food poisoning	1	1		0.28	1	1	-	1	11	1	1	11	.03	10
	Dysentery infectious	0.45	1	1			1	1	1		1	2.80	11.05	0.72	NO.
	Paratyphoid	1	1.76		0.83	0.73	1	.54	1	10	1	.86	.95	.68	
	Typhoid Fever	0.45	3.961	2.86	2.48	2.20	1.64	2.960.	18.79	10.41	0.57	3.73	23.401	6.180.68	BE
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	Gonorrhea	1.350.450.4528.29	74.80	18.84	19.16	*	15.34	26.90	17.82	38.09	30.26	136.96	80.60	33.55	1
	Poliomyelifis	0,45	1		0.28	1	1	0.27	1	0.27	1		-1	14	1
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	Tuberculosis other	1.80	0.44		1.66	1.10	1	1.36	12.31	0.27	1	1	2.60	2.12	felephone
	Tuberculosis lung	5.84	20.24	11.99	5.80	19,03	4.38	8.88	24.30	6.30	1.71	16.77	29.90	2.25	ved by
	Scarlet Fever	4.49	10.56	8.57	4.45	4.03	4.38	2.42	3.89	6.85	5.71	7.45	9.75	5.5612.25	received
	Diphtheria	24.25	41.80	43.30	25.12	39.16	19.73	15.33	20.74	26.03	27.98	67.00	66,95	30.69	- data
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APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 28 December 1945

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